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DENY FALL OF MONASTIR NOW

SERBIAN COMMANDER OF THAT CITY DENIES ITS CAPTURE BY THE BULGARIANS.

GO TO MONTENEGRO

Teutons are Now Advancing Against Montenegro and Have Captured the Towns of Plevlja and Jabuke, near the Serbian Border.

London, Dec. 2.—Denial of the fall of Monastir to the Bulgarians was made by the Serbian commander of that city in a dispatch to Paris filed Wednesday afternoon.

The Teutonic advance in Montenegro has resulted in the capture of the towns of Plevlja and Jabuke, near the Serbian border, according to a Berlin announcement.

The British casualties since the beginning of the war, to November 1, were 510,230, says a written statement from Premier Asquith today.

China to Remain Neutral
Peking, Dec. 2.—The Chinese government today made formal denial that it has considered the possibility of aligning with the entente powers or that it had been requested to do so.

Italians at Avlona.
Paris, Dec. 2.—A detachment of Italian troops landed at Avlona Tuesday, says an Athens dispatch today.

Cotton for Russians.
Seattle, Wash., Dec. 2.—One thousand cars of cotton, en route here from the south, will be exported to Vladivostok.

Inquiry from Vienna.
Washington, Dec. 2.—The state department has received from the Austro-Hungarian government an inquiry regarding the statement recently issued by the department, construed at Vienna as being in confirmation of the charge made by Dr. Gorcier, former Austrian consul.

Serbian Campaign Ends
London, Dec. 2.—The operations in the Balkans and the movements of the armies of the central powers continue with unabated energy. Like Germany, Bulgaria announces that with the capture of Pristina, her campaign against Serbia has come to an end, which appears to support the suggestion that to avoid a dispute with Greece, King Ferdinand of Bulgaria has decided against the occupation of Monastir, the only town of any importance remaining in Serbian hands. Monastir was still in the hands of the Serbians until late Monday night and no news that there had been any change there has been received since.

Austria with the assistance of German troops continues her operations against Montenegro, the frontier of which has been crossed, but not without considerable opposition from the Montenegrins, who are masters in mountain warfare and who have been joined by some portions of the Serbian armies, which succeeded in escaping from the invaders of their country.

Battles are now being fought in that part of the Sanjak (district) of Novipazar, which was taken by Montenegro after the Balkan war. The Austro-Germans are advancing south from Slenica and across the frontier from Priepolje. In the north the Montenegrins claim to have defeated the Austrians in the region of Potcha, Bosnia. It is expected, however, that the Aus-

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WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., Dec. 2.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is fair and warmer in the western portion. Friday fair and warmer.

ANOTHER JAPANESE HEIR.

Fourth Son Was Born to Empress of Japan Today.
Tokio, Dec. 2.—Empress Sadako of Japan today gave birth to a boy. This is her fourth son.

MERCHANT CAUGHT BURGLARS

By Sleeping in Store, Texas Merchant Caught Two Burglars.
Texline, Tex., Dec. 2.—A merchant here, by sleeping in his store last night, not only averted a robbery, but captured two burglars, one of whom is probably fatally wounded. Three other business houses were entered last night, but little loot was obtained.

COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE LATE CLAIMS

SEVERAL PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS FILED RECENTLY HAVE QUEER LOOK TO RAILWAY OFFICIALS.

's evident that the citizens' committee will have a lot of claims for personal injury recently filed to pass upon as the railway officials are inclined to look upon them with suspicion.

They maintain that any person who suffered an injury should certainly have been aware of the fact before it was fully understood that the Santa Fe was "easy money," and unless the claimants are able to establish a mighty good case, there is little room to doubt but what the citizens' committee will turn their claims down.

The Santa Fe has been most liberal in its settlements with everyone, and there is no doubt that in several instances the road paid dearly for what it got in return, and the committee is determined that there will be no holdup, if they are able to discover one, and they feel they will be able to determine who are entitled to pay and who are not.

Some of the recently filed personal claims set forth some ludicrous facts. One claimant states over his signature (or "mark") that he was "knocked conscious," and that is not the least of the funny things the committee will have to take into consideration when it begins to separate the sheep from the goats.

Up to last night, the claim agents had settled 1,641 of the total number of claims filed, and had paid out approximately three-quarters of a million dollars.

VILLA TROOPS DECISIVELY DEFEATED

LARGE NUMBER OF YAQUI SURRENDER TO CARRANZA TROOPS, SAYS REPORT TO DEPARTMENT.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The Villa forces have been sharply defeated and a large number of Yaqui Indians have surrendered, says a report to the state department today from Guaymas.

Will Revalue Property.

Laredo, Tex., Dec. 2.—The Carranza authorities announce the appointment of a commission to revalue all taxable property in the several Mexican states, by which greatly increased taxes are expected. Much property is not now listed.

Freight Embargo Raised.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 2.—The embargo on freight carloads into Mexico through Laredo, which was established by the International and Great Northern railroad in February, 1913, has been raised, according to an announcement here today. The service extends to Mexico City and other interior points.

BOND THE CITY IF NECESSARY, SAYS THIS MAN

WANTS TO MAKE ARDMORE CITY IN FACT, AND IF NECESSARY LET THE PEOPLE VOTE A BOND ISSUE.

"I hope the new gas company will lay a big pipe line to the oil fields, in order to get sufficient gas in this city for manufacturing and domestic purposes, and I believe from what I have heard, they will, as soon as they see the necessity for it," remarked a business man on the streets this morning. "but if they will not do so, then I am in favor of voting bonds for this purpose and get the gas here, instead of letting it be piped out of the state to Texas cities, which it will be, unless we get busy, and get busy immediately."

This man was only voicing the sentiment of many others in the city who are anxious that Ardmore get out of the rut and do something. "The time is here now when Ardmore is either going forward or stagnate, and it is up to the people to decide which they prefer, and decide quickly."

The question of a permanent road to the oil fields is another thing that will bear no further delay. One business man estimates that Ardmore's business houses and hotels lose on an average two thousand dollars per day because of the present road. It is easy to figure how long this amount would have to be assessed to build an asphalt road to the fields.

"We will have to do something," this man continued, "and the time has come when the pull-backs and tightwads must be made to feel that their presence is very undesirable, either socially or in a business way, if such methods are necessary to make them realize that they are no longer living in a trading village. At the luncheon I hope to hear this class discussed, and get what they deserve. If they won't help the town, let the citizens of the town quit helping them."

IMPROVEMENT OF BUSINESS CONDITIONS

REPORTS FROM FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY SHOW BIG IMPROVEMENT DURING NOVEMBER.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Reports from the federal reserve agents throughout the country on business conditions show improvement for November, according to information published today by the reserve board.

The reports to Dallas from Texas and other southwestern sections show a gratifying improvement over November last year.

NOON-DAY LUNCHEON IS ARRANGED

COMMITTEE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS AND WILL ANNOUNCE PLACE LATER — WANT ALL TO REGISTER.

The committee from the Chamber of Commerce, recently appointed to make arrangements for the noonday luncheon on December 3, reported that it had made all preliminary arrangements for the event and would announce the place later. They desire every member of the Chamber of Commerce to announce themselves so that there will be no confusion in making arrangements for the number of plates to be laid. This can be done by communicating with C. E. Ringer at the Ringer Drug company, or with the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. This is very essential, as it is absolutely necessary to know this in order that there will be enough for all.

Several other committees are to report at this luncheon, among them the ones designated to look into the matter of the gas pipe line and the road to the oil fields.

Denver Man Found Dead.

Frederick, Okla., Dec. 1.—S. A. Fox of Denver, Colo., representing a life insurance company, was found dead in his room at the Kelly hotel about 1 o'clock this afternoon. Upon his failure to appear at both the morning and midday meals, his room was entered and his lifeless body was found on the bed, clothed only in a night shirt. Physicians announced that he had not been dead more than two hours, and gave heart failure as the cause. His family has been notified and the body will likely be shipped to Denver for burial.

Liner on the Sands.

London, Dec. 2.—The Wilson liner Marengo is stranded on the Goodwin sands. Lifeboats are proceeding to her assistance.

PERMITTED A DEFORMED BABY TO DIE

INFANT GIRL, DEFORMED AND PARALYZED, ALLOWED TO DIE IN NEW YORK, AS DID BOLLINGER BABY.

New York, Dec. 2.—Margaret Roberts, a deformed and paralyzed baby, was allowed to die here today under similar circumstances to that of the Bollinger baby in Chicago recently.

A simple operation would have saved the child, said the hospital surgeon, but the board of physicians ruled against the child.

THE PYTHIAN SISTERS

Membership Contest Just Closed Brought 29 New Ones—Prizes.

The membership contest recently inaugurated by the Pythian Sisters, has closed, and as a result 29 new members have been initiated into the order. The Pythians are well pleased with the results, and at the last meeting the captains of the two teams presented prizes to Mrs. Theo. Hoffman and to Mrs. Stanley Hornbeck for having done the best soliciting work on the two teams. The social features of the meetings were very enjoyable and some of the Knights were present and made interesting talks on the good of the order.

NOVEMBER HAS BEEN A BANNER ONE

MERCHANTS MAKE SPLENDID REPORT AND ARE NOW PREPARING FOR "BARGAIN DAY" ON DECEMBER 15.

That the month of November has exceeded any previous month in the history of the city of Ardmore for trade conditions, is the statement given out by the secretary of the Business Men's association and it is based upon the report of the members of the association. No Christmas period in the past has come anything like the month just closed, and the spirit of "quick settlement" the pace for which was set by the Santa Fe, seems to have spread over the city.

"I did not fail to collect a single bill I went out with," said one business man, "and I saw about twenty-five per cent of my people."

"Our people have the money, and they are paying their bills," said another, "and, as for business, last month it was the greatest ever."

The merchants are preparing for Bargain Day of Wednesday, Dec. 15, with wonderful energy. Some are ordering special shipments by express so they can show their shoppers that they are going to give them something worth while. One merchant has specified a certain article which he expects to put up as a special bargain, on which he says he will lose more than fifty dollars if all are sold, and he does not expect the entire shipment to last more than two hours.

There is a concerted move among them to single out some of the real necessities—everyday goods—and offer them as specials. A still further feature for the benefit of the visitors is being arranged which, if it can be secured, will be announced later.

BIG INCREASE IN EXPRESS BUSINESS

NOVEMBER BUSINESS LARGEST IN HISTORY OF THE EXPRESS PEOPLE IN THIS CITY, SAYS AGENT.

S. E. Smith, who is joint agent for the Wells Fargo and American Express companies in this city, says the express people had the best business during November of any month in the history of the local office. The Ardmore office has been swamped with business for the past few weeks, and the Wells Fargo superintendent, who was here yesterday, has recommended the granting of an additional wagon and three extra men to assist the present force.

The Wells Fargo people have issued some neat Christmas labels and cards for their patrons, which can be obtained upon request at the local office.

Sidney I. Bagwell of Oklahoma City was in the city today on business.

NO PASSPORTS TO FORD PARTY

SECRETARY LANSING SAYS NO PASSPORTS TO BELLIGERENT COUNTRIES WILL BE ISSUED.

MISSION UNOFFICIAL

Ruling of Secretary Lansing Regarded Generally as Meaning That Unofficial Missions By Private Persons As Important Enough.

Washington, Dec. 2.—No passports to belligerent countries will be issued to the members of the peace party planning to sail on the ship chartered by Henry Ford, Secretary Lansing announced today. They will be issued to neutral countries only.

The Ford ruling is regarded generally as meaning that the United States does not deem unofficial missions in efforts to make peace by private persons as important business, which is the test of the issuance of passports to belligerent countries.

Secretary Lansing explained that passports are given to Americans for visits to belligerent countries only when business makes the trip absolutely necessary, and the department is applying this rule without distinction.

The government is watching the ports closely to prevent any spy sailing under the guise of a peace delegate.

ARRANGE THE TERMS FOR A SETTLEMENT

ANTI-TRUST SUITS IN TEXAS AGAINST BIG PACKING CONCERNS SETTLED, TERMS HAVING BEEN AGREED UPON.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 2.—The settlement of the anti-trust suits against several of the great packing corporations has been arranged, but the terms are withheld until court confirmation has been given, according to state officials today.

GATHERS STRAWBERRIES DEC. 1

Ever-Bearing Variety Produces Fruit at Durant.

Durant, Okla., Dec. 1.—Despite the fact that this section has had several freezes and innumerable frosts this fall, at least one citizen enjoyed home-grown strawberries today. C. O. Johnson, president of the Oklahoma, Texas & Gulf highway has several ever-bearing strawberry plants, which were set out about two months ago, and from which he today gathered some fine, luscious, ripe berries. The plants are in his garden and have no artificial protection from the weather whatever.

Fire at Hillsboro Today.

Hillsboro, Tex., Dec. 2.—Fire early today did more than fifty thousand dollars' damage in the business section here.



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Holiday Shopping Plans
EARLY
Only 19 Shopping Days
Before Christmas

TO ADVERTISERS

On and after Wednesday, December 1, the following rules will be in effect:

Copy for display ads. to be run in the Daily, on week days, will be accepted until 11 a. m. the day ad. is to be run.

Copy for display ads. to be run in the Sunday issue will be accepted until 1 p. m. on preceding Saturday.

In order to accommodate advertisers, space may be reserved, at the hours stipulated, and copy will be accepted until 1 p. m. week days, and 3 p. m. on Saturday. Regular charge being made for space reserved, if copy is not received at these hours.

THERE WILL BE NO DEVIATION FROM THESE RULES.

THE ARDMOREITE PUB. CO.

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